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GREAT MILER IN THE MAKING

Bill Cornell carries on a tradition

The mile race has a special fascination; a peculiar magic held by no other event in the whole field of athletics. This is particularly true in this country, which has produced an astonishing number of great runners over this distance—notably Sydney Wooderson and, more recently, Roger Bannister, the first four-minute miler. Today we look to Derek Ibbotson, Brian Hewson, and Ken Wood to keep Britain in the forefront of the nations. And tomorrow? Well, the tradition seems safe enough as long as we have athletes as promising as 18-year-old Bill Cornell of Chelmsford, Essex, who was recently interviewed by a CN sports correspondent.

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BILL CORNELL runs mainly because he enjoys running; but behind his carefree approach to athletics there is a real determination, and he revealed a glimpse of it when I asked him about his aims for the coming season.

"To beat the British junior mile record," was the prompt reply. That record stands at 4 minutes 12.8 seconds, and to surpass it would seem to be an achievement well within his grasp, for last year he covered the distance in 4 minutes 14.6 seconds, at that time the fastest mile ever run by a 17-year-old.

This kind of performance is only made possible by rigorous training. Bill himself trains every Sunday morning and three evenings a week—all the year round and in every kind of weather. (It was snowing the evening I visited the club at Chelmsford, and he came in for a great deal of leg-pulling because he had a slight cold and decided to forgo training that evening.)

COACHING BY CORRESPONDENCE

There is no cinder track in Chelmsford, so during the summer Bill runs on grass and in the winter goes out on the roads—hardly the ideal training for a champion miler. But this slim, long-legged athlete has the enthusiasm to overcome these disadvantages.

Another drawback at first was the fact that his club has no official coach. But he was lucky in having as a fellow-member an ex-Cambridge man who two years ago introduced him to Alan Malcolm, the Cambridge University coach. The two correspond from time to time, and once in a while Bill goes to Cambridge to receive advice on the spot.

Bill also keeps fit by cross-country running, although he is not particularly keen on this sport. In fact, next season he does not intend to do any at all, for he would then have to compete over five-mile courses. "Much too far," says Bill with a grin.

Even so, he has made his mark in cross-country running. This season, for example, he retained the Essex youths' title, won the Southern Counties youths' championship, and was second in the National event.

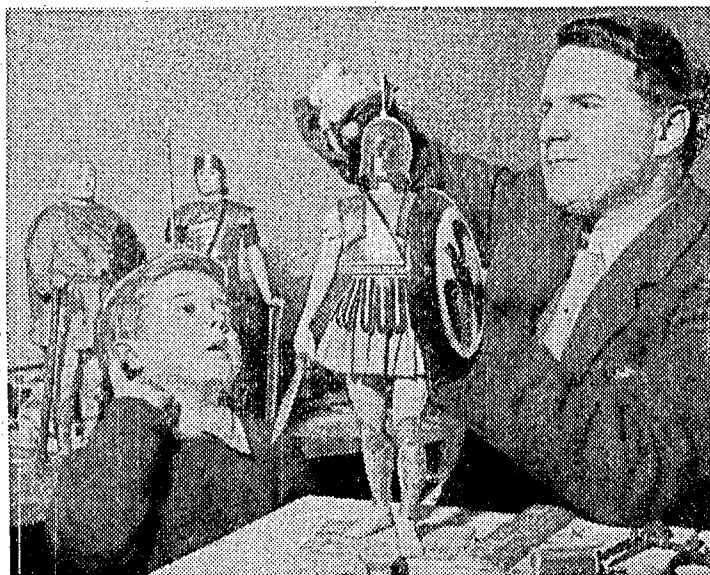
Bill is not accustomed to being second. Only twice has he been beaten in a half-mile race, and never has he been headed over a mile.

I asked him if he prepared any



special tactics for his various races. "No," he said. "Only to hang on to the leaders until about 200 yards from the tape and then hope to high heavens that my finishing burst is stronger than theirs."

Obviously it is a successful method. Last year, apart from his world record mile, he broke the British Junior half-mile record and the A.A.A. championship mile record, performances which earned him the World Sports Trophy for 1957 and the A.A.A. award for the outstanding athlete of the year. He shared this award, incidentally,



The making of a soldier

Mr. Russell Gammage of Charlton, London, makes model soldiers of tin and wood in his spare time. The Ancient Greek warrior he is seen carving here is of pine, and is one of 30 models ordered by the Director of Education in Mauritius. A little friend, Nicholas Poole, looks on in awe.

Getting to know the Char

Diving in Windermere to a depth of nearly 100 feet, frogmen recently brought back information about the spawning habits of the char, a member of the salmon family.

The frogmen were led by Mr. J. Hilton (chairman of the East Lancashire Sub-Aqua Club), and the information was required by the Freshwater Biological Association, whose headquarters are on the shores of Windermere, England's biggest lake. The Association had formerly relied upon net-

ting and ringing fish to secure details.

Char are found in Windermere and half-a-dozen nearby lakes. They have also been reported from the Snowdon area of Wales, Ireland, and parts of the Scottish Highlands. The char differ in their proportions from lake to lake. In winter the char swarm from the depths of the lake and spawn in the shallows. In Windermere, apparently, there is one stock of char which spawns in shallow places in November and December, and another stock which frequents depths of between 60 and 100 feet in February and March. These were the fish seen by the frogmen during their recent dive.

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with Mike Lindsay, but as Mike is now studying in America, Bill has the trophy in his keeping for the time being.

Bill Cornell is lighthearted enough when talking about his running, but he confesses that before a race he is "a bundle of nerves." He is a poor traveller, too, and always tries to get to a meeting well before his race is due to start. And he seldom stops to see the rest of the meeting. "I get fidgety watching the others in action," he says. "I'd far sooner watch a football match."

So you will understand why he has mixed feelings about his appointment on April 19 at Hampden Park. On that day he will be one of the small team of English athletes competing against a Scottish team as a prelude to the England v. Scotland soccer international.

"I'm looking forward to the match and the race," he said. "But we are flying to Scotland and it will be my first flight. I'm bad enough in ordinary transport; what I shall feel like in the air goodness only knows."

Chinese nightingale

From Easter Monday to April 19 the Arts Theatre Club of London is putting on matinee performances of a play called *The Imperial Nightingale*, based on Hans Andersen's story of a Chinese Emperor.

This is a part of the activities of the new Junior section of the Club to encourage the up-to-sixteens to interest themselves in drama. There are to be plays in the Easter and Christmas holidays and other theatrical activities. Details can be obtained from The Arts Theatre Club, 6-7 Great Newport Street, London, W.C.2.

Brakes which will start a bus

A normal vehicle uses its brakes for stopping. A bus, now being built in Birmingham, however, will use its brakes for starting!

The device which makes this possible is a flywheel two feet in diameter and weighing 210 lb. It is connected to the propeller-shaft, which in turn is connected to the wheels.

The action of applying the brake engages the flywheel, causing it to rotate at high speed. As the bus slows down, the flywheel continues to "free-wheel" for some time. If the bus moves off again before the flywheel has stopped spinning, the movement of the flywheel is applied to the propeller-shaft, turning the wheels, and thus helping the engine in its work.

By eliminating the fast revving needed to start an ordinary vehicle, this new system reduces engine wear and saves fuel.

The experiments have been carried out by the National Research Development Corporation, a Government body which helps to develop inventions in the national interest.

BUSY TIME FOR POLAND'S SCOUTS

About 50,000 Polish youngsters who belong to the Scout movement will have a chance of going to camp this summer and at the same time of doing useful jobs.

The older ones, from 15 to 18, will undertake work like pest destruction in forests and helping to build youth hostels. Among the tasks of the younger children will be looking after nurseries of seedling trees, and making a record of local dialects.

Fine feathers



A pelican at the London Zoo preens its feathers to look its best when receiving visitors.

PRIVILEGE IN THE COMMONS

By the C.N. Parliamentary Correspondent

A RECENT case has set-off another round of questions and arguments about parliamentary privilege.

What is privilege? Is it justified? And if so, why is it justified?

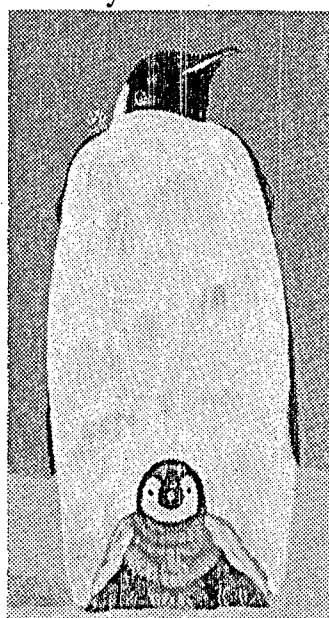
The answer to the last two questions is that it is justified, probably more today than ever, because it is the final safeguard of free speech—everybody's free speech, not just that of our M.P.s.

As to what it is, even lawyers cannot always tell beforehand whether something written or said about an M.P. outside Westminster is a breach of privilege. Circumstances may change.

But there is one safe rule. M.P.s are considered honourable men and women, and "honourable" is an essential part of the title by which they are addressed at Westminster.

Therefore it is obviously a breach of privilege to charge them with motives or actions which tarnish that honour. This

Way down south



This amusing picture of an Emperor penguin and her baby was taken in the icy Antarctic.

kind of charge is the one that has led to inquiries by the Committee of Privileges—a Select (or all-Party) Committee—of the Commons in recent years. But there is more in it than that.

At the beginning of each Parliament the Speaker goes to the House of Lords after his election. There he lays claim to "the ancient and undoubted rights and privileges of the Commons." Of these there are four main ones.

One of them is that the Sovereign will place a "favourable construction" on all Commons proceedings. Today this is generally held to be only a courtesy. But there were periods of history, notably in Tudor times, when the Commons in their proceedings sometimes challenged the Royal authority and Speakers were imprisoned and even threatened with execution.

"Access to the Royal person" is another privilege. This refers not to the right of individual M.P.s, but to the House as a body headed by the Speaker, and only for the presenting of an Address.

Thirdly comes freedom from arrest, which dates back to pre-Norman times. Up to 1869, when imprisonment for debt was abolished, the need for this protection was very real, but it applied then (as it still applies) only to civil actions in the courts.

Criminal actions are, however, a different matter. Since 1831 it has been officially recognised that for any criminal offence privilege cannot be claimed.

There was, in fact, a case in 1815 when an M.P., Lord Cochrane, was arrested for conspiracy while actually seated on the Government front bench, though not while the House was sitting.

FREEDOM OF SPEECH

The last—and most important—privilege is that of freedom of speech. This was twice confirmed by Statute in 1512 and again in 1689 by the Bill of Rights. Its original purpose was to protect Members against the Sovereign.

With this is bound up the still-existing right of the Commons to have its debates in private. When necessary it safeguards this right by "spying strangers." A motion to that effect, which is not debated, is the signal for every non-Member, including the reporters, to leave the chamber.

Usually this has been done in modern times for security reasons, when secret defence matters were to be debated. But it is a rare procedure, and the motion has been moved only once—by Sir Winston Churchill—since 1945.

Out and About

THE ruts had hardened in the lane. Elm trees creaked a little under a grey sky. It was cool and windy, a true spring day, though perhaps not the most enjoyable kind.

But a stretch of ground at the end of the lane was nearly all covered with clumps of daffodils which shook their sunlight-coloured blooms in the wind to make sure we saw them. As accompaniment to this cheering sight there was the thrilling sound of several skylarks in full voice high above the fields. They may only have been warning one another which piece of ground below them was their own nesting area, but the long, silvery trills seemed to be voicing a breathless joy in life.

We decided that it was an enjoyable kind of day, and a little later the wind made a big gap in the grey cloud curtain, and the sun poured a flood of golden light over field, hedge, and farmyard.

As we walked homeward the farmhouse windows behind us blazed with fiery light, as if a second sun shone there. C. D. D.

Royal music at your command

Henry VIII was a man of many talents, but we do not usually think of him as a composer of music. Yet, like many of his courtiers in a musical age, he did in fact try his hand at writing down a tune or two; and so did the tragic Anne Boleyn.

This royal music can now be heard by us all on a fascinating long-playing record issued this month. It gives three pieces for the viol (an early form of the violin) by Henry VIII and a sad little piece called *Oh Death, Rock me Asleep*. This has a special poignancy, because it was written by poor Anne Boleyn while she was awaiting execution in the Tower. It also has some spirited Highland Reels by James I of Scotland, who was captured as a boy on his way to France by an English ship and kept a prisoner for some years in England. One of the reels is called *Because* he was a bonny lad.

ELIZABETHAN PLAYERS

Other pieces by popular composers of the time are included, among them being six beautiful pavans (peacock dances) by John Dowland, who was also an accomplished performer on the lute.

The music is played by an ensemble called The Elizabethan Players under their leader, Dennis Nesbitt. Formed in 1956 to perform old English music on the instruments for which it was written, they were heard by the well-known harp-maker John Morley, and at his suggestion played in the Elizabethan Garden of Music at the Ideal Home Exhibition.

There they played to the Queen and Prince Philip, and as a happy sequel permission was granted for copies to be made of some of the pieces preserved in the Royal Music Library at Windsor.

The ensemble consists of seven instrumentalists and a singer, and their performance brings the music of Tudor England into our own homes.

The record is by Pye (number CCL 30121) and costs 39s. 11½d.

THEY SAY . . .

PEOPLE searching for a new world and new horizons are the type needed in Australia.

Mr. Menzies, Australian Premier

I CANNOT condone eating during lectures because it would distract me, especially if I were hungry.

A history professor at Columbia University

THE United States will soon have 25 satellites in space.

Deputy Director of U.S. Naval Research

JUST AN IDEA

When a man has not a good reason for doing a thing, he has one good reason for letting it alone.

Sir Walter Scott

News from Everywhere

A national scheme for the voluntary training and testing of child cyclists is to be set up as soon as possible.

A double-decker tunnel is being built between the Japanese islands of Honshu and Kyushu. One level will be for pedestrians and the other for vehicles.

A boy who found and returned a bag containing £1000 to a store in the New Hampshire town of Manchester was given a bicycle as a reward, and told he could have anything in the shop he liked. He concentrated on Easter eggs.

Man with a burden



A heavily-laden Turkish porter at Istanbul.

Children under 13 will be banned from riding on agricultural vehicles from July 1.

Two apprentice lightermen have rowed a 50-ton Thames barge 25 miles in 12 hours.

The Royal Air Force celebrates its 40th anniversary next week. It was formed on April 1, 1918.

PLACE IN THE SUN

Shanklin had 1930 hours of sunshine last year, more than any other town in Britain.

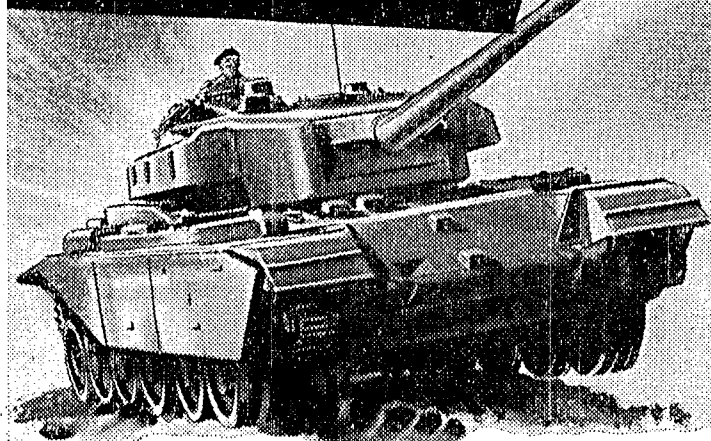
To estimate the school population of London during the next few years, L.C.C. inquiry officers are now calling at every house and flat in the area and recording the numbers of children under 15. The count will take some months to complete.

BETA, 1958

America's second satellite, Beta, 1958, is likely to remain in orbit for five to ten years. About the size of a grapefruit and weighing 3½ lb., it has a speed of 18,000 m.p.h. and takes 135 minutes to encircle the Earth.

The Queen has given permission for the grounds of Sandringham and of Frogmore, Windsor, to be open to the public again this summer. A total of 1160 other private gardens will also be open. Lists of them can be obtained for 2s. (postage 6d. extra) from the National Gardens Scheme, 57 Lower Belgrave St., London, S.W.1.

WHAT'S MISSING?



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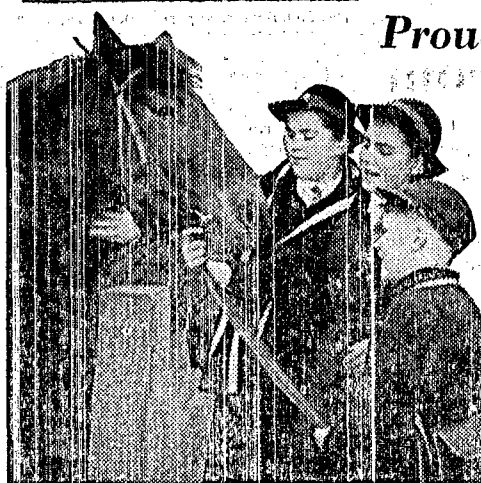
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Proud owners of a pony

Barbara, Eva, and Andrew Alaszewski of Bromley, Kent, have a four-year-old Dartmoor pony which they have bought after saving their pocket-money for a year. Here they are seen saying goodbye to their friend, who is called Karna, as they set off to school.

LOST TOWN IS UNCOVERED

A hilltop town of 2100 years ago is being uncovered near the ancient Flaminian Way, north of Rome.

The town was called Carsulae, and was a stopping place 60 miles from Rome for travellers along the Flaminian Way. This highway was cut through the Apennines to link Rome with the Adriatic Sea, and ends near the cathedral city of Rimini. The road was named after Gaius Flaminius, Censor in 220 B.C., who extended the road to a distance of over 200 miles from Rome.

A stone arch was all that was to be seen of the buried town when excavations began five years ago. The Flaminian Way entered the town at this point, and the deep ruts made by carriages are still to be seen.

Among the many buildings which have come to light are a forum, or market place, and a theatre, in which fragments of dolls were found. The remains of statues included a head believed to be of Claudius, emperor from A.D. 41 to 54, who undertook the conquest of Britain.

SEEING SCOTLAND BY RAIL

A Freedom of Scotland ticket is to be issued by British Railways this summer. It offers tourists unlimited travel for seven days between all Scottish stations, and includes the use of observation cars on certain lines.

The cost will be £6 second class and £9 first class, but children between three and 14 will travel half price; and there will also be a special reduction for families travelling together.

These tickets will be available from the beginning of April.

Hen-mark for eggs

Poultry farmers in South Africa are using a device by which hens mark their own eggs, and thus reveal which of them lays the most. It is the invention of Mr. R. Brougham-Cook, who had noticed that when a hen lays an egg she generally inspects it closely, tapping it with her beak and rubbing it with her wattle.

His device is fitted to the bird's head, so that while examining her egg she marks it with easily identifiable colour combinations.

Birmingham's Youth Band

A Youth Band with brass, military, and dance sections has been formed in Birmingham. Believed to be the first of its kind in this country, it has 60 members between the ages of 12 and 18. The band will be headed on all public occasions by eight Drum Majorettes.

The musical director is Mr. Arthur Matthews, formerly with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, and he has already given auditions to 80 boys and girls.

A television company is to make films of the band's performances for showing in the United States.

ORANGE FOR DANGER

For the past 23 years R.A.F. training aircraft have had yellow markings on fuselage and wings so that they would be given a wide berth by other aircraft. Now, with the advent of very high speed jet aircraft, trainers are being given even more distinctive markings, so that they can be seen farther off.

The yellow bands will be replaced by fluorescent orange bands, and the wing and tail-plane tips will also be painted orange.

SPELLING BY TELEPHONE

Anyone in Budapest wanting to know how to spell a word can dial a telephone number and receive an answer from the "talking dictionary"—members of the Philological Institute.

MONDAY, MARCH 31

is the date by which all entry forms for

The CN National Handwriting Test of 1958

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Completed entries must be posted to:

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London, E.C.4 (Comp.).

Lifeboat heroes

The Royal National Lifeboat Institute's silver medal for gallantry has been awarded to Coxswain Mark Bates of Kilmore, County Wexford. He rescued the crew of ten from a French trawler during a gale last December.

The Institute's bronze medal has been awarded to Coxswain George Stonall of the New Brighton lifeboat, Cheshire. In November last year he rescued the crew of six from an Isle of Man coaster. The coaster had a heavy list, and the lifeboat had great difficulty in getting close enough for the crew to jump to safety. Shortly after the crew had been saved, the vessel rolled over and sank.

CROCODILE CURIOS

Crocodile eggs sold as curios at a shop in Livingstone, Rhodesia, recently turned out to be more curious than expected. One customer returned indignantly to say that his egg had hatched out.

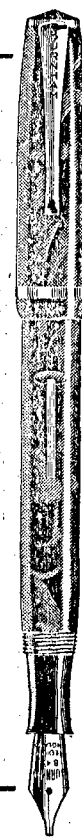
The rest of the clutch in the shop were then inspected, and some 30 baby crocodiles were found to have emerged from their shells. The news brought a crowd of excited children, who were given some of the tiny crocs as pets. The remainder were placed in a hastily-dug pool.



Proud Mother Llama

Molly, a llama at the London Zoo, shows off her new baby. It has been named Tim.

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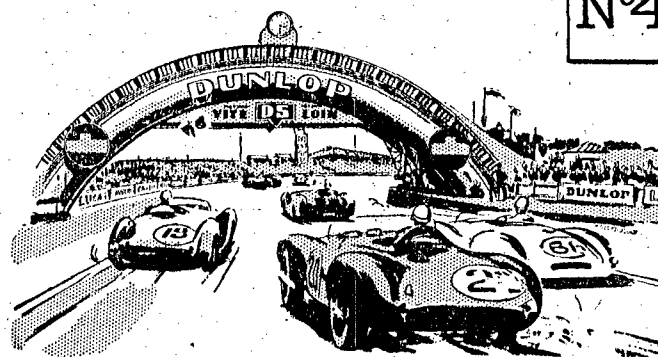
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À la France—la Victoire!

In order to corner safely at high speeds and to prevent excessive strain on the engine, a driver throughout the gruelling 24 hours race at Le Mans has to change gear an incredible number of times. In 1938 Jean Trémoulet, well-placed and with a fine chance of winning, discovered to his chagrin that the gears of his Delahaye had jammed. Disheartened, he decided to retire from the race. But on reaching the pits, his co-driver Eugene Chaboud exhorted the dispirited Trémoulet to continue, pointing out that although the car could only run in top gear it was still possible to win. With Chaboud's encouragement ringing in his ears Trémoulet leapt back into the crippled machine and with fresh hope rejoined the fight. Such stubborn determination won the day. Despite the terrific strain on its engine, Trémoulet, driving with extraordinary verve and skill brought the powerful Delahaye first past the chequered flag, to give the Frenchmen a victory they had so nearly lost in a moment of despair.

DUNLOP TYRES

ERNEST THOMSON WRITES ABOUT RADIO AND TELEVISION PERSONALITIES AND PROGRAMMES

BBC TELEVISION CENTRE IS TAKING SHAPE

SEEING THE QUEEN IN HOLLAND

THE great tangle of steelwork and concrete at White City, London, has begun to take recognisable shape, and passers-by can now see the outline of the huge ring-like Main Block of the BBC Television Centre.

A few days ago I joined a Press party which took nearly an hour to explore the labyrinth of corridors, half-completed studios, and scene docks covering 3½ acres, nearly twice the area occupied by St. Paul's Cathedral. At the moment, the most impressive spot is inside the centre ring, an area the size of Piccadilly Circus, which will eventually contain a circular garden with a fountain and sculptures. Italian mosaic is already lining the walls of the great inner ring rising to seven floors. Only

in the summer will the sun strike right down to the garden itself.

Of the seven studios, four will be bigger than any now in use in Britain. They radiate from the centre so as to simplify programme control and enable producers, studios' staff, and artists to enter from an inner colonnade which will contain 120 dressing-rooms.

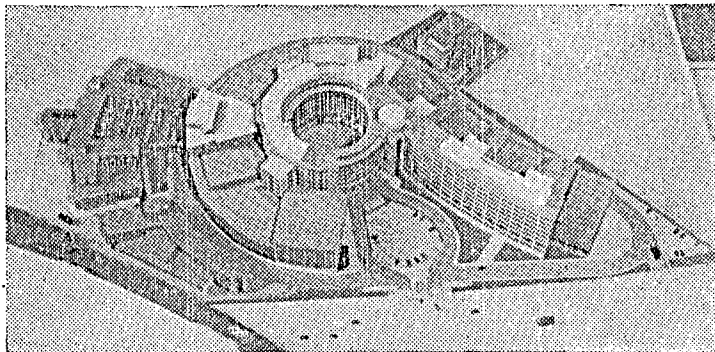
Biggest studio of all will be 108 feet by 100 feet—with a floor strong enough to carry a line of elephants. A pool 7 feet 6 inches deep can be filled with water for aqua shows. There will be room for an audience of 600.

Before this studio is complete, four more studios will come into use in 1961 as the first operational unit for drama, children's programmes, and schools broadcasts.

At their outer end the studios are linked by a scenery runway connecting with the scene-making dock. This will be a great improvement on present conditions. Nowadays much of the scenery has to be packed into vans, taken half-a-mile or more, and unpacked again at Lime Grove or Riverside.

Here are some extra facts about the TV Centre which, when completed in about three years' time, will be the biggest TV headquarters in Europe. Total cost will be about £6,000,000. The Main Block will contain eight million bricks, 55,000 tons of concrete, and 4300 tons of steel.

Concrete already mixed is being delivered by pipeline under air pressure all over the building from ground-floor level to the roof.



A model of the new BBC Television Centre at the White City



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In the days of the Luddites

NEXT Tuesday BBC Children's TV begins a telerecorded repeat of Phyllis Bentley's serial *The Machine Breakers*, which was first seen a year ago. It tells the story of the Luddite movement of 1812, named after Ned Ludd, a Leicestershire worker who, in a rage, smashed one of the newly-introduced stocking machines. The Luddites feared that machinery would throw textile workers out of employment.

Stuart Hutchison and Cavan Kendall play the brothers Bamforth, who get caught up in the riots against their will. Peter Hawkins, whose voice is heard off-stage in many children's programmes, makes one of his rare personal appearances, as a Luddite.

Lennie gets his own show

LENNIE THE LION, not forgetting Terry Hall, needs no introduction to young viewers. He is always popping on and off the screen, but next Wednesday (April 2) he starts a fortnightly programme of his own in BBC Children's TV—the Lennie Show.

Producer Johnnie Downes tells me that each Lennie Show will include a guest star and two variety acts. Next week's visitors will include Warren Devine and Sparks, acrobats who were unable to appear in Crackerjack last December because their plane from Paris was held up by fog.

Mississippi journey

A REMARKABLE geography lesson in 20 minutes comes to BBC Children's TV on Sunday in an American film called *People of the Mississippi*. Robert Bigraf is an American boy living on the shores of Lake Itasca in Minnesota. He builds a toy boat, and inscribes his name and address on it, with the request that all who find the boat will write to him about themselves and the way they live. We see the little boat launched, and the camera follows it down its 2500-mile course to the sea.

Boys and girls along the Mississippi haul the boat in, read its message, and send it on its travels again. On the last stage it is hitched up to a river steamer and towed to the Gulf of Mexico, by which time young viewers will have learnt a lot about one of the longest and most interesting rivers in the world.

No search for the monster

I AM sorry to disappoint viewers who had been hoping for a TV hunt for the Loch Ness monster, an impression they might have got from recent reports. A BBC official tells me that the programme, when it comes off, will merely be exploratory.

The idea is to see how far the specially-encased TV camera can descend in the Loch, which is 764 feet deep.

Producer J. S. Buchan will then invite viewers to say whether they think the pursuit of the alleged monster is worth while. The Loch Ness programme is almost certain to take place some time in May.

What a joke it would be if the monster turned up uninvited!

The growth of TV

THE world now has 1087 television stations. This figure was given in a recent survey made by the American Government. The U.S. has 529 stations, Russia 56, and Britain seven.



Two little Dutch children on the island of Marken

THE first Schools TV on Eurovision takes place in the BBC's Spotlight on Thursday, when cameras of the Dutch Television Service will take young viewers on a short tour of Rotterdam. This ancient city is due to be host to the Queen and Prince Philip on the last day of their State Visit to Holland. Richard Dimbleby will be the commentator.

This is only one of a notable series of radio and TV broadcasts

from Holland planned for this week. This Wednesday evening it is hoped to include two direct TV relays from Holland. In Today, in the Home Service on Thursday morning, there will be a broadcast from the Delft Hydrological Laboratory, which the Queen will visit later in the morning; in the afternoon viewers will witness the scenes in Rotterdam as the Queen and Prince Philip take leave of Queen Juliana and Prince Bernhard and rejoin the Royal Yacht.

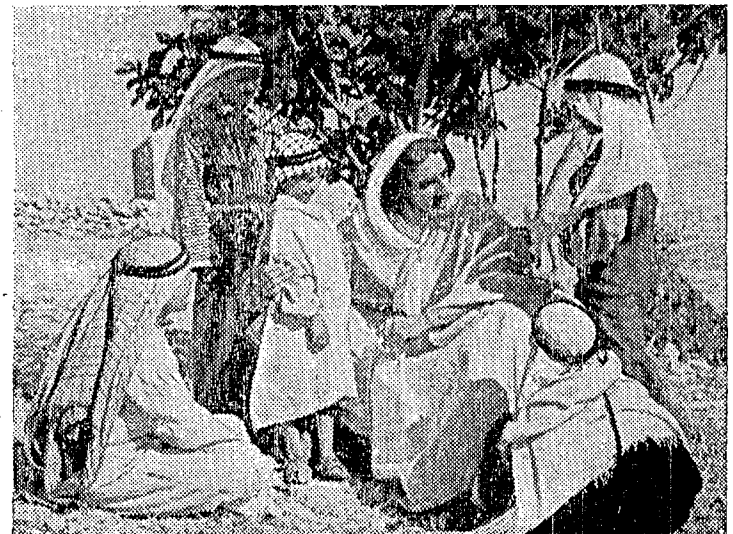
From Bethlehem to Mount Calvary

AS Easter approaches, BBC Television is once again repeating *Jesus of Nazareth*, the cycle of plays about the life of Christ which made such a deep impression when they were first seen in Children's TV in 1956. The telerecorded version was seen again last Easter. This time, beginning on Sunday, the plays will be seen immediately after Children's TV, with the final episode on the evening of Easter Day.

Written and produced by Joy

Harington, the play runs from the Baptism of Jesus throughout the history as recorded in the Gospels, ending with His death and Resurrection. Jesus is played by the Scottish actor Tom Fleming, Mary by Gwendolen Watford, Joseph by George Woodbridge, and John the Baptist by Peter Wyngarde.

The beautifully-told narrative involved filming expeditions in Palestine for scenes re-enacted at the very places where they happened nearly 2000 years ago.



"Suffer little children to come unto me . . ." a scene from the Easter plays

NOW IS THE BEST TIME TO SEE BROCK

Getting a glimpse of the elusive badger

Despite the fact that badgers are numerous in many parts of Britain (writes a C/N correspondent), it is probable that only one person in a thousand has seen a live one outside a zoo.

Brock is a creature of the night, and an elusive one into the bargain. Catching a glimpse of him by day is unlikely, and only by waiting patiently outside the entrance to his earth, or sett, can you be reasonably sure of seeing him.

WELL-MARKED TRACKS

If you hear of an area where Brock is thought to reside, obtain permission from the owner of the land to do a little preliminary surveying. There is no mistaking the entrance to a badger's sett. It is three or four times larger than the entrance to a rabbit's burrow, and outside it there may be up to half a ton of fine soil which Brock has excavated.

If the sett is occupied, Brock's tracks will be seen in the soft ground outside. A badger is a big, heavily-built creature (a fully-grown boar will weigh 40 lb. or more) so his tracks are firmly imprinted.

a few feet from us, and disappeared among the trees.

The next evening we were back again, armed with a camera and a flash-and-shutter unit which we rigged up ourselves. One switch would operate the camera shutter and at the same time set off the flash-bulbs.

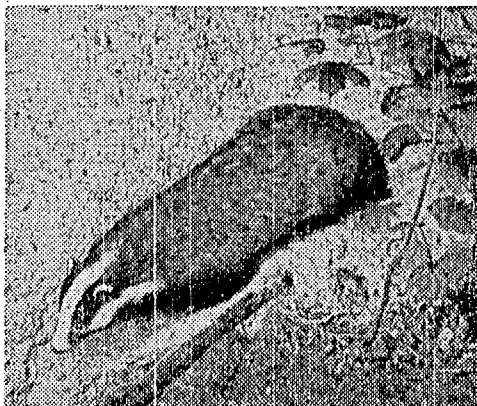
After fixing the camera in a convenient position near the entrance to the sett, we connected the flash gear and took cover. Once again Brock ambled out, followed by Mrs. Brock and two cubs!

Over went our switch—and nothing happened. A faulty connection had lost us a wonderful badger study. Nothing daunted, we came back the next evening and were successful in snapping Brock as he was about to set out on his nightly quest for food.

One evening we tried an experiment. The flash-bulbs gave

us only a fleeting glimpse of our quarry, and as we wanted to see more, we tied an electric torch to an overhanging branch and waited, not very hopefully, to see if Brock would show himself.

To our astonishment, the torch did not worry him in the slightest. Perhaps he thought it was the moon, but in any case he seemed to welcome the light, for instead of hurrying off into the wood as usual, he spent several minutes



The camera catches Brock as he returns to his sett

foraging about around his front door!

If you wish to lure Brock to a spot where you can get a good view of him, try putting down a tin containing a little honey or treacle. Badgers are partial to such delicacies and are not long in finding it, either!

SILENCE NEEDED

Spring evenings give us a chance to do our badger-watching at a reasonable hour. In midsummer it may be close on midnight before Brock puts in an appearance.

Be sure to get into position a few minutes before your quarry is expected. You must keep still and silent. It only needs the snap of a dry twig under your foot to spoil your chances for the rest of the evening.

Miner's proud record

Fifty-eight years a miner is the proud record of Mr. George Frederick Knowles of Rotherham, who has just retired at the age of 71. All his working life has been spent in the pits.

He is the eldest of seven brothers, all miners, who together have put in a total of 300 years' work in the mines.

MORE ROOM FOR CATTLE

A new kind of cattle pen will be seen at the Rand Easter Show at Johannesburg. Three storeys high, with watering troughs on each floor, it will hold 900 cattle.

They will all enter at ground level, the pen having been built against a slope. It was designed because farmers at last year's show complained of overcrowding.

FRESH MILK FOR SEAMEN

Danish shipping companies have found a way of giving their crews fresh milk even after the ships have been at sea for many weeks. In a machine the size of a small chest-of-drawers, milk powder is mixed with water and butter to form liquid milk tasting exactly like fresh milk. Peanut oil can be used in place of butter. Milk produced by this "artificial cow" costs only half as much as condensed milk.

Sir Winston of Woodford

An eight-foot statue in bronze of Sir Winston Churchill is to be erected at Woodford, Essex, the constituency he has represented in Parliament since 1945. The work is being done by Mr. David McFall and the unveiling is planned for the anniversary of D-Day next year.



Young musicians

Ten-year-old Stewart Cooper (left) is leader of the Woking Junior Orchestra, which gives concerts for charities and old folks. Since he began playing the violin four years ago, Stewart has won more than 30 awards. Right: David Allison, a printer's apprentice of Erith, Kent, plays the trumpet in his spare time, and has won 16 competitions.

Neighbours in space

Many years may pass before Man is able to leave the Earth and explore the other planets. Meanwhile, the astronomer can provide us with fascinating glimpses of them.

In his new book, *Other Worlds in Space* (Acorn Press, 12s. 6d.), Terry Maloney gives a vivid description of the worlds which Man may one day visit—the Moon, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, and so on. All the known facts, and many theories, about these planets are given in a lucid manner, with

a number of excellent illustrations.

A visit to Mercury, the planet nearest to the Sun, seems out of the question, for the surface temperature is over 300 degrees Centigrade. Jupiter, on the other hand, is intensely cold. The Moon is airless and dead. But Mars, so favoured by science-fiction writers, has an atmosphere and probably some form of plant life.

"It seems almost certain," writes Mr. Maloney, "life *could* exist there in a form not altogether unfamiliar and strange to man."

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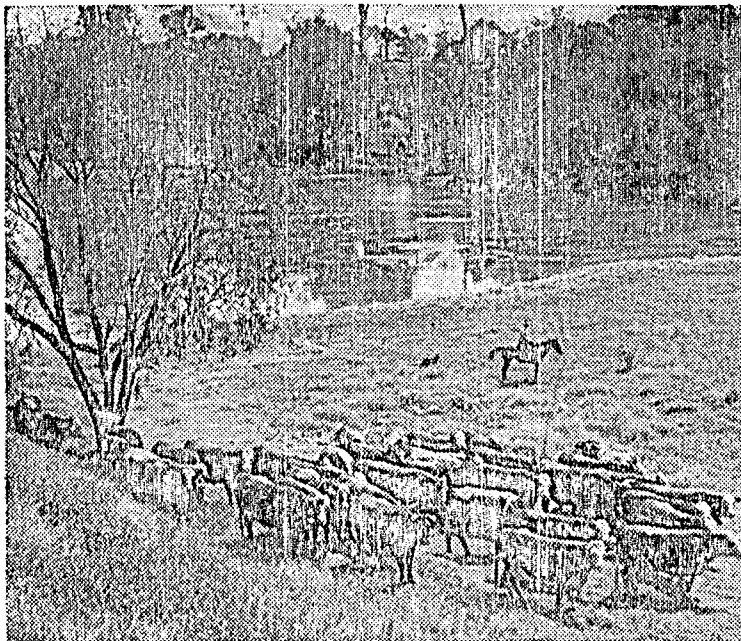
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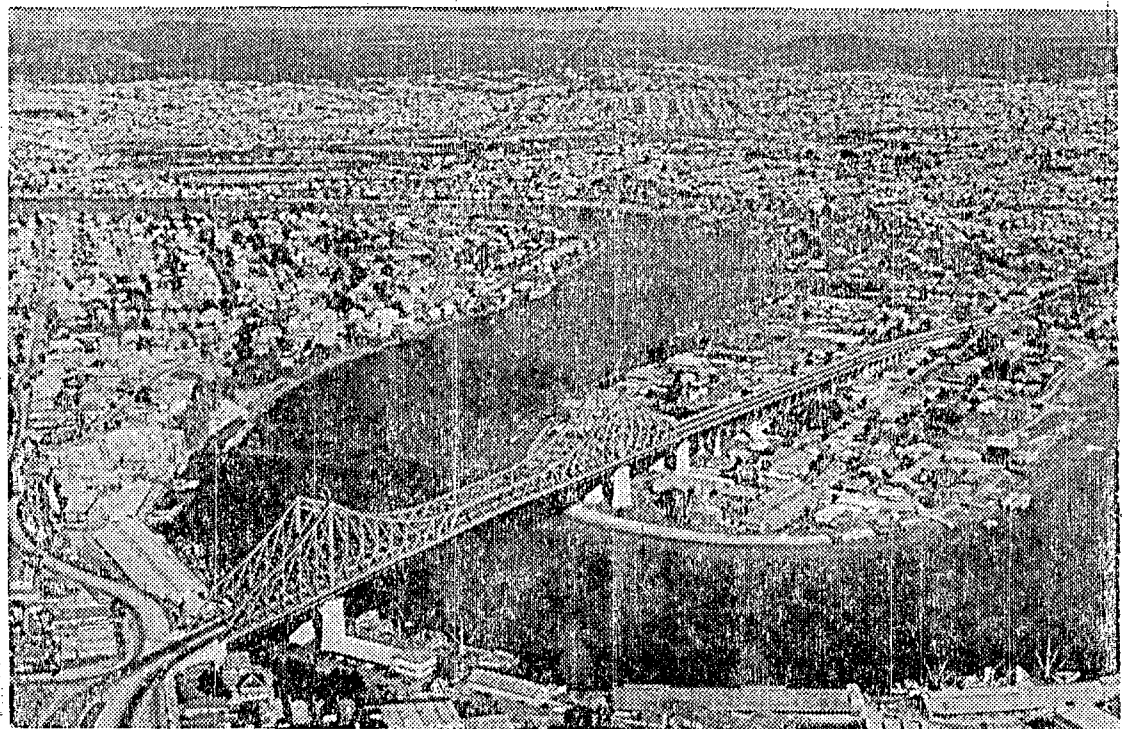
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Some of Queensland's six million cattle in pastures by the Upper Brisbane River

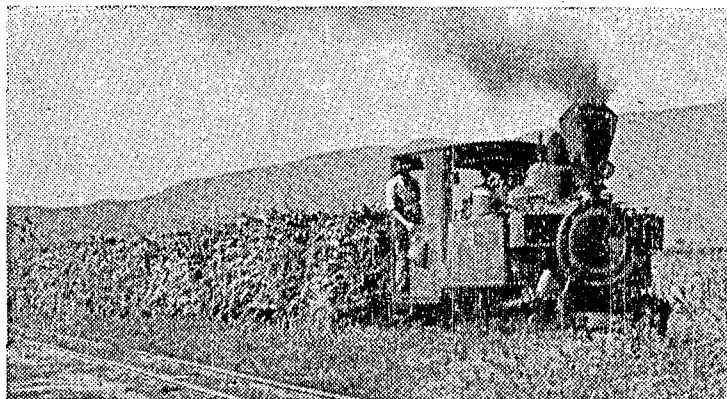


Brisbane, the capital, covers 385 square miles, an area bigger than the county of Huntingdon

COMMONWEALTH PANOR



Cotton is grown chiefly in the eastern river valleys



A train-load of sugar cane on its way to a crushing mill

PART of New South Wales until 1859, Queensland is Australia's second biggest State, with an area of 670,500 square miles and a coastline of 3236 miles. The British Isles, France, Germany, and Italy could all be easily contained within its borders.

THE population is about 1,400,000. Brisbane, the capital, has 544,000 people.

OFTEN called the Tourist State, Queensland's attractions include magnificent bathing beaches, 249 National Parks, and, of course, the Great Barrier Reef, which stretches for over 1200 miles along the eastern coastline and is world-famed for its coral formations and its countless sea-birds.

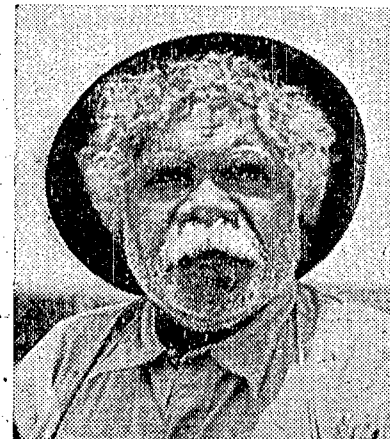
WOOL is the most important product, the average number of sheep being 18½ million. Meat comes next, Queensland possessing



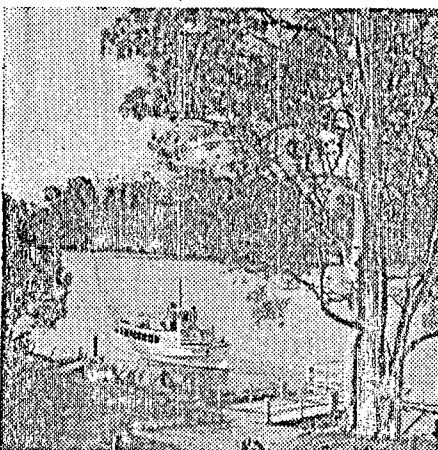
Pineapple plantations total about 7000 acres



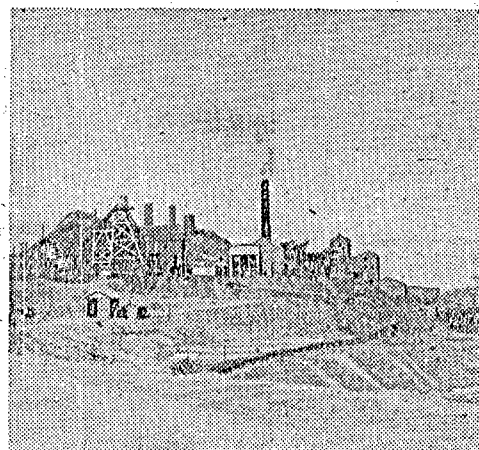
Stacking wheat at Killarney, on the southern border



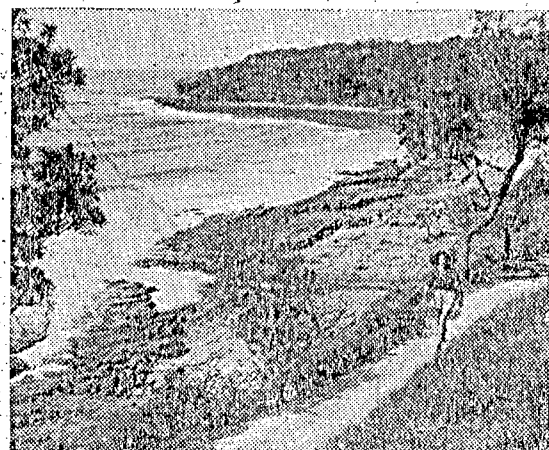
One of Queensland's 10,000 Aborigines



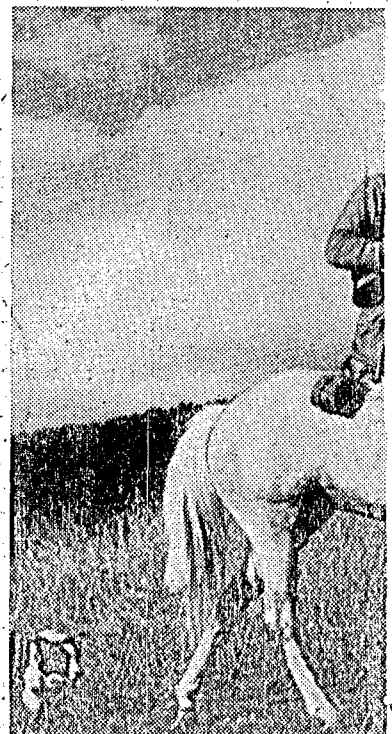
River launch on the Upper Brisbane



The Mt. Morgan mine yields gold and copper



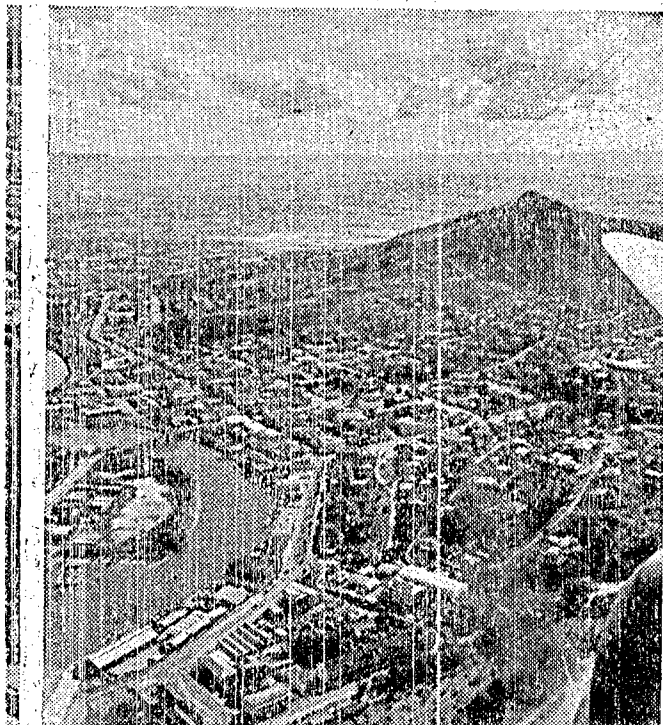
Noosa, a seaside resort 80 miles north of Brisbane



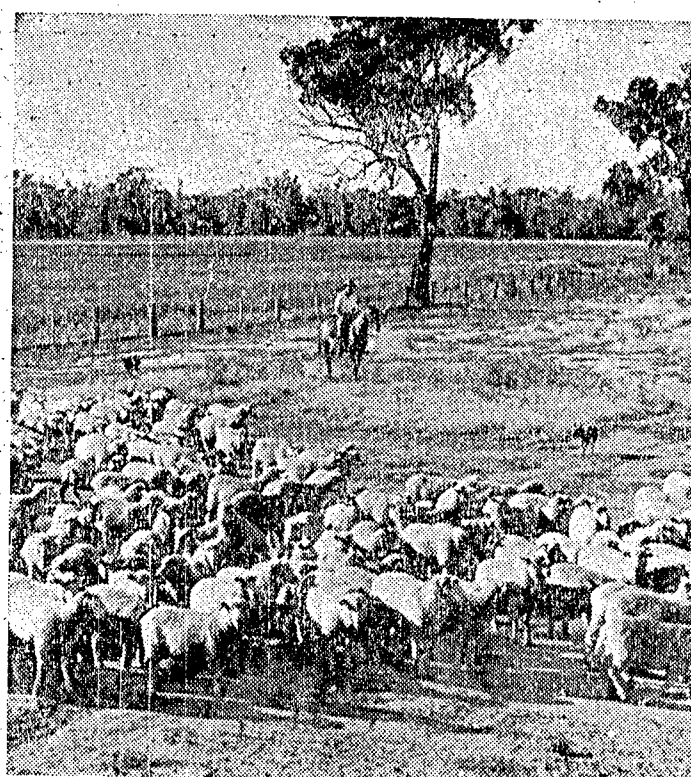
Lone rider—a Queensland

Newspaper, March 29, 1958

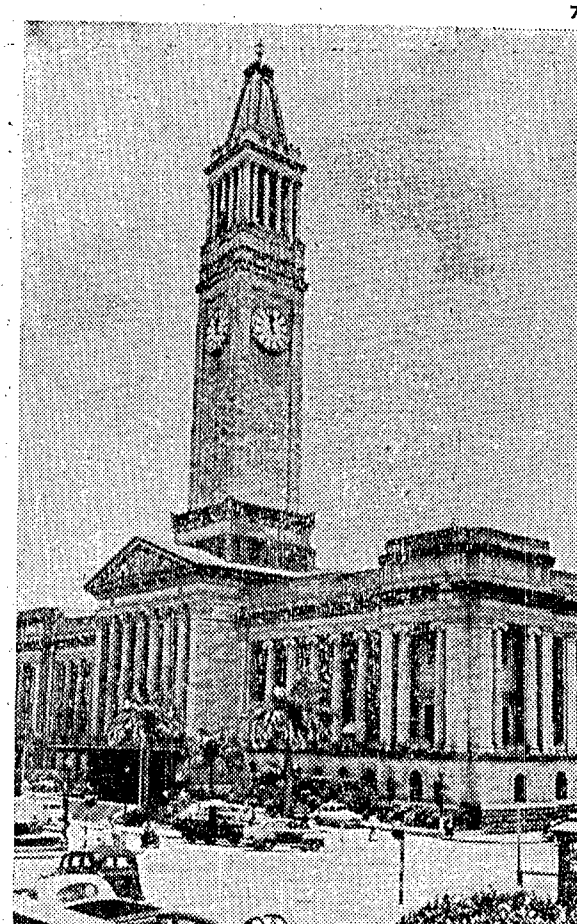
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Air view of Townsville, thriving port of the north



Typical scene in the vast sheep belt



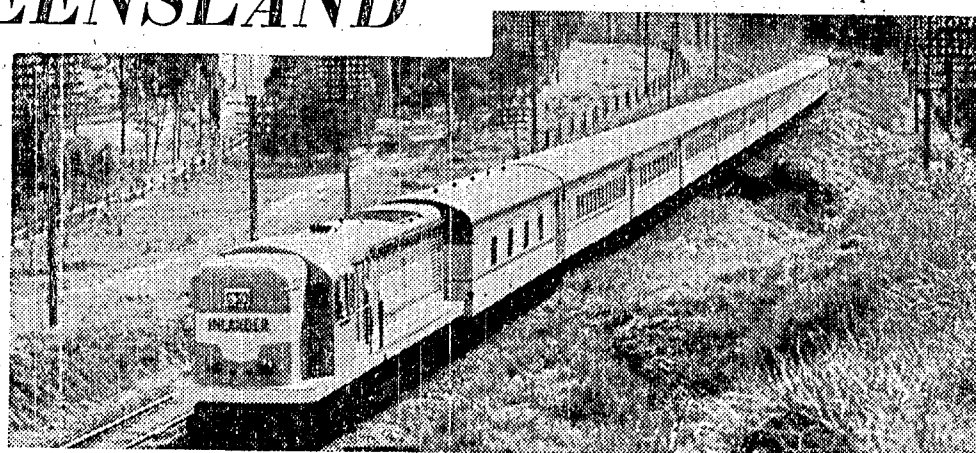
Brisbane's City Hall has a clock tower 302 feet high

AMA—QUEENSLAND

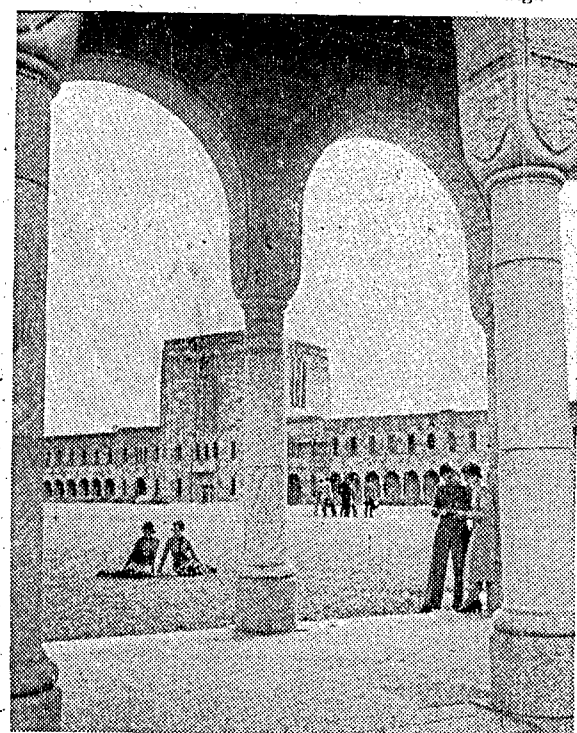
more than half the beef cattle in the whole of Australia. The total yearly production of milk for all purposes is nearly 300 million gallons. About 50,000 tons of butter and 9000 tons of cheese are produced in a normal year. Huge crops of grain are harvested. Pineapples and bananas are among the many fruits cultivated. Sugar cane, grown extensively along the tropical coast, provides another valuable crop.

QUEENSLAND is extremely rich in minerals, and mining is being developed on a big scale. Copper ranks first in value of output, with coal next; but there are also valuable reserves of uranium, bauxite, gold, graphite, lead, manganese, silver, tin, wolfram, zinc, and many other minerals.

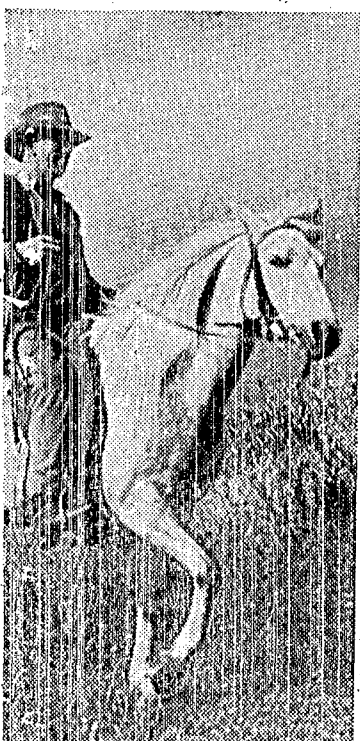
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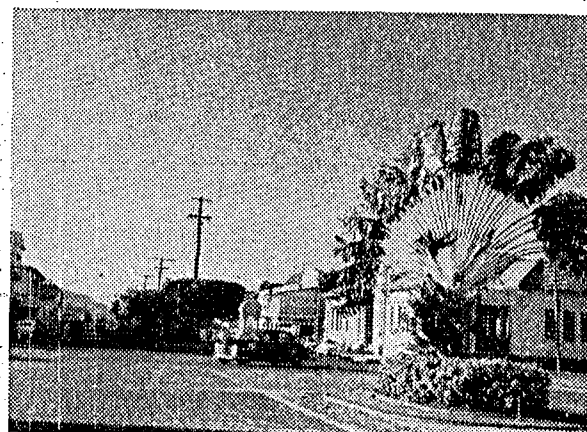
A train which runs 600 miles from Townsville to Mt. Isa in the west (Queensland has 6500 miles of railway)



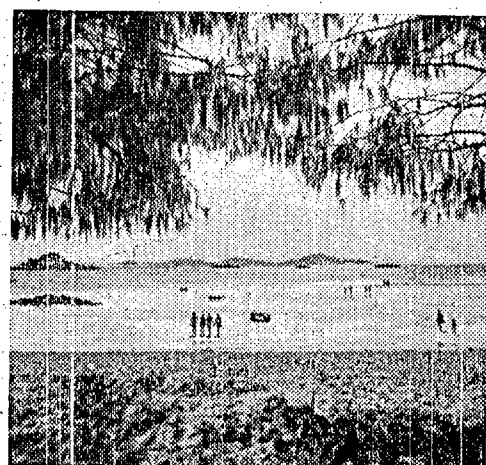
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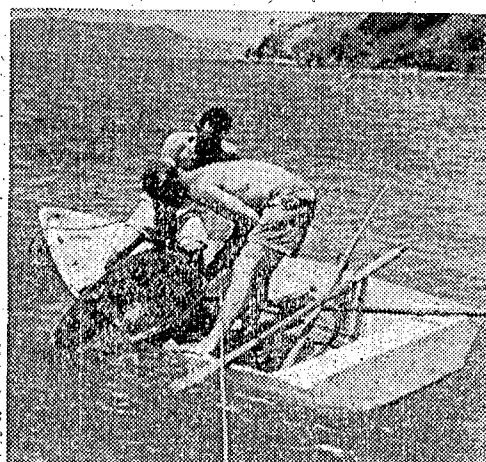
A Torres Strait islander



Main street of Cairns, a sugar port in the far north



A scene on the Great Barrier Reef



Big turtle hauled into little boat



At the greengrocer's in Bundaberg

stockman on his rounds

ZAMBESI STORY

How Livingstone forced a steamboat into the rapids

The recent flooding of the Kariba Dam on the Zambesi river reminds us that just a hundred years ago, in 1858, David Livingstone was preparing to force a way up the Zambesi, for he believed that this mighty stream held the secret of Central Africa's prosperity.

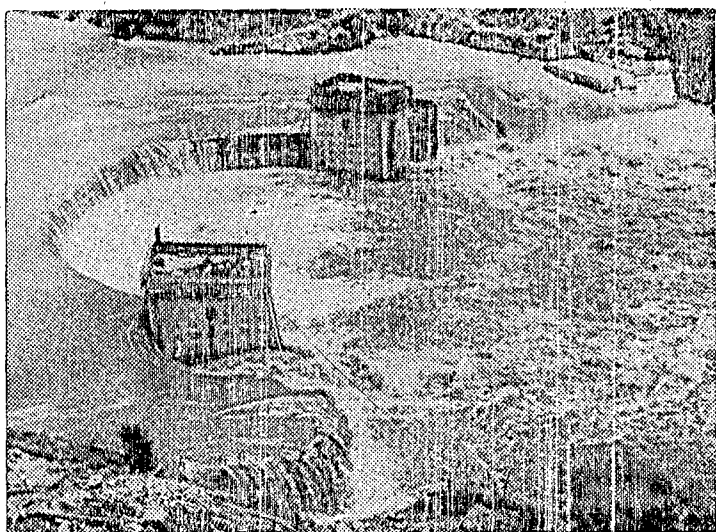
It is in the same belief that the great hydro-electric dam is being built today.

When Livingstone arrived off the mouth of the Zambesi in 1858,

few miles he had to stop in order to cut wood. The ship's boilers needed tons of it, and Livingstone's men were always out cutting it and dragging the logs.

He sailed right into the teeth of the jagged rocks of the Kebrabasa Rapids, and when the ship could go no farther he leaped onto the rocks with his friend John Kirk.

The Zambesi valley was immensely hot, but with relentless courage Livingstone forced himself up and down the slippery rocks to



The Kariba Dam almost submerged by floodwaters 100 feet higher than the normal level of the Zambesi river

in command of an official expedition, he believed he could work a steamer up as far as the Victoria Falls. He had hopes that one steamer below the Falls and another one above might serve to turn the river into a highway.

So he began his five-years' battle with the Zambesi. He sailed his little ship "Ma-Mary" for mile after mile up stream, battling against heavy flood water. Every

see whether a passage might be made. He even made a plan for blasting some of the rocks, and said that if he could have a regiment of sappers for a month he would compel the Zambesi to allow a ship to go through.

Until the engineers now working in the Kariba Gorge appeared on the Zambesi, no one since Livingstone had tried to fight and control the Zambesi. Even now, with all

LIFE-SAVING CRUSADER

Sir Truby King and his wonderful work

New Zealand will pay tribute next week to the memory of one of her noblest sons, Sir Truby King, who was born on April 1 just a hundred years ago. But countless people far beyond the shores of New Zealand know his name and have reason to bless it, for he devoted his life to the welfare of women and children, and was a pioneer of the science we call mothercraft. The guiding principle of his lifework was "A little child is the gift of God."

TRUBY KING, son of London-born emigrants to New Zealand, first saw the light of day in a bush homestead near New Plymouth, while Maoris were fighting a tribal war nearby. His parents had settled in the place some ten years earlier, but had to leave it when Truby was about a year old because of Maori attacks on the white people. They returned to find their home burnt to the ground, and then went to live in New Plymouth, where Truby's father, Thomas King, became a bank manager.

At the age of 15 the boy joined

modern equipment, the odds seem at times to be in favour of the Zambesi.

As for Livingstone, he finally had to admit that the great river was too much for him, but he did discover the possibility of the Kariba Gorge as a place for navigation. He paddled his canoe past the very spot where the great dam is being erected, and noted the narrow passage between the rocky sides of the river channel. His mind was always on the idea of a navigable highway into the heart of Central Africa.

A hundred years afterwards the water-power engineers are at work harnessing the great river so that its immense energy can be turned into electricity to serve vast areas of Central Africa. The floods have been a serious setback, but the work goes on.

It will be making Livingstone's dream come true in another way.

the staff of the bank. But his heart was not in the work; he wanted to become a doctor, and when he was 22 his father consented to his sailing away to study medicine at Edinburgh.

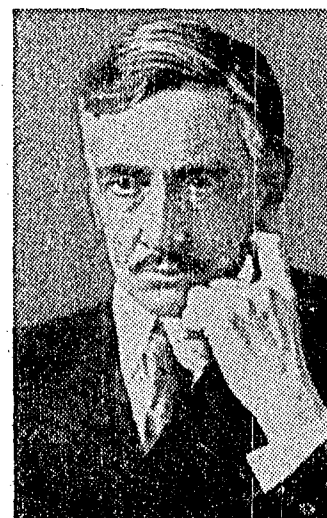
Having graduated with high honours, Truby returned to his native land with the wife who was to become an untiring partner in his crusade for mothers and babies.

Safeguarding the health of mothers and their children is something we take for granted today, but it was not always so, and his concern for them may well have been aroused by the poverty he saw in the slums of Edinburgh. His letters home told of women wandering about in the snow and rain with children in their arms, begging for bread.

SAVING YOUNG LIVES

Back home in New Zealand, his observations in the maternity ward of the Wellington General Hospital impressed on his mind the urgent need for greater care of mothers and infants.

In 1907 a severe epidemic among babies swept New Zealand, and Truby King wrote an article in a newspaper showing how many of the young lives could have been saved. He began giving lectures and training a few nurses to teach mothers how best to care for their babies. Some of his fellow doctors looked on him as a crank, but he was enthusiastically supported by Lady Plunket, wife of the Governor of New Zealand. His



Sir Frederick Truby King

By courtesy of the British Medical Journal

new movement gained ground in the face of much prejudice and opposition, and in 1907 he founded the Plunket Society for the health of women and children.

Truby King once said: "Give me the impossible. Let me lead a forlorn hope, and you know I am always at my best." He certainly lived up to this, travelling around New Zealand patiently bringing people to his point of view. He also visited other lands, including Britain.

The success of his campaign is shown by the fact that the infant death rate in New Zealand, which was 80 for every thousand babies between 1900 and 1907, fell to 40 per thousand in 1911-12. In 1956 the figure was 23.2.

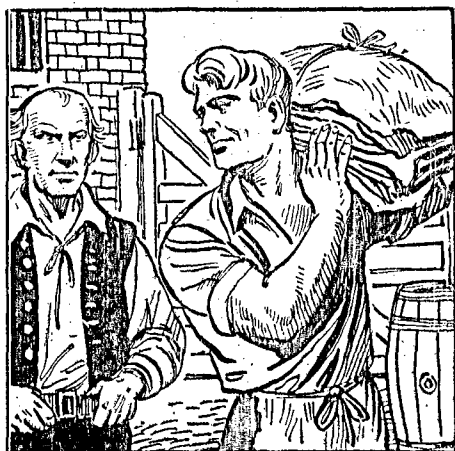
Truby King was made Director of Child Welfare for New Zealand in 1920, and in 1925 he was knighted. He died in 1938, having lived to see his teachings adopted in all English-speaking countries as well as in many other lands.

MICAH CLARKE—Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's story of the Monmouth Rising (1)

Micah Clarke was born in the Hampshire village of Havant in 1664. His father Joseph—nicknamed "Ironside Joe"—was a stern Puritan and a veteran of Cromwell's

army who had become a prosperous tanner and leather merchant. Micah was a bright and cheerful lad, but as he grew up he became worried about the prevailing religious

intolerance. It was to lead him into grim adventures. (This version is given by kind permission of Executors of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, and of John Murray, the publishers).



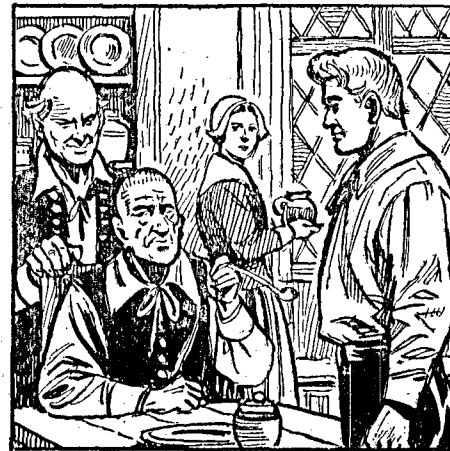
After leaving school Micah worked for his father. He had grown into a hefty young man and could easily carry loads that were too heavy for the older man. Ironside Joe once gravely shook his grizzled head and said: "You grow too big for the nest, lad. I doubt some of these days you'll find your wings and away!" Micah secretly longed for that time. He was tired of the quiet life of the village.



One evening in May 1685, some three months after James II had come to the throne, Micah and his friend Reuben Lokarby were fishing from a boat in the Solent. To their surprise they saw a ship flying the Dutch colours firing at a man who was swimming. The cannon balls missed the swimmer, and the ship sailed away. Micah rowed towards the man, who seemed quite unperturbed when they hauled him aboard.



The rescued man was a tough old soldier of fortune named Decimus Saxon, who was carrying secret letters to England. He "left the ship," he explained, because the captain refused to take him to Portsmouth. The firing was the result of a quarrel in which Decimus had "accidentally" wounded the skipper. Hearing that Micah's name was Clarke, he said he had a letter for his father.



The letters Decimus carried called on Protestants to support the Duke of Monmouth in a rebellion against Catholic James II. Ironside Joe was too old to fight but he suggested that Micah should take his place. Mrs. Clarke was alarmed at the prospect, and Micah was not sure that he sympathised with Monmouth, but it occurred to him that here was a chance for adventure outside quiet little Havant.

Will Micah decide to join the rebel Duke when he lands? See next week's instalment

SECRET OF THE GORGE

By Malcolm Saville

The Lone Piners have cycled to Bringewood Manor with Nicholas Whiteflower to explore his old home before workmen pull the house down. They want to look over the house and grounds before setting up a camp there later, when they hope to search for the missing Whiteflower Necklace. They see the gorge near where Harriet Brown had lost her life soon after she had stolen the necklace forty years before. Then they go to the Manor itself, where they meet a workman standing near the front entrance. He is not a very pleasant-looking man.

10. The Gipsy's warning

THE workman looked suspiciously at the Lone Piners as they approached.

"What do you want?" he asked gruffly. "This place is private."

"I used to live here," Nicholas explained quickly. "My name is Whiteflower. I just want to show my friends the house before you bash it down. Thanks very much," and, followed by his admiring friends, he walked across the drive and through the open front door.

"Hi, you!" the man shouted feebly. "Hi! You can't do that . . . Well, don't be long, anyway."

The sound of the drill could be heard again, but now it seemed a long way off and was only intermittent.

"I won't show you every room," Nicholas said. "The house is enormous. It's funny, but now that it's empty it doesn't look like our home any more. It looks dead, doesn't it? Smells stuffy, too. Do you really want to see the cistern, Peter?"

"Why not? You could hide a necklace in a cistern, couldn't you? You could just drop it in the water."

Empty tank

Nicholas led them up several staircases on which their feet sounded hollow. On the topmost floor at the far end of the corridor, he opened a door leading into a long attic with a sloping roof.

"There you are," he said to Peter. "When I was a kid I was terrified of this room. The water used to make horrible noises. Help me with the lid, please, David, and then Peter can look in."

They lifted the wooden lid off the huge tank without much difficulty. The water inside was still and clear, and there was enough light for them to see that there was no diamond necklace at the bottom.

"Oh, well," Peter sighed. "That's another illusion gone. I was hoping that we might find it here. I still think the cistern was a good idea. Water, you see."

"There's an old well in the grounds," Nicholas said. "We can look at that later. Now I'll show

you the housekeeper's room where the sofa Jenny's father bought came from."

They followed him down two staircases and then along a corridor with a window at the end. Suddenly he stopped and held up his hand in warning. Some very odd sounds were coming from behind a closed door—muttered voices and the noises of splintering wood.

"The house-breakers must be working inside the house," he said quietly. "I don't see why you shouldn't see the room, anyway," and he pushed open the door.

None of them ever forgot their first sight of Harriet Brown's room at Bringewood Manor. It was quite large with two windows. The wallpaper was a hideous red, but faded in places where pictures had once hung. The bare floor was dusty, but they only remembered these things later.

On their knees before the old fireplace, two men were tearing up the floorboards. Each had a steel jemmy in his hand as they turned in astonishment to see so many children in the open doorway.

Threat of trouble

One of the men was fat, pale, and sweating, and the other was dressed in a brown tweed suit and was wearing steel-rimmed spectacles. He was first to get to his feet.

"Get out!" he snarled. "Get out and stay out. This place is private!"

Nicholas and David both opened their mouths in reply, but the fat man, from his knees on the floor, raised his jemmy threateningly and spoke first.

"Get out before we throw you out. All of you. Don't you dare to show your faces here again, or there'll be trouble for you—whoever you are!"

Jenny pulled Peter by the sleeve. David pushed the twins into the corridor and then stood in front of Nicholas as the two men rushed at them. One of them hit David in the chest, and in a few seconds the Lone Piners and Nicholas were in the corridor again and the door was slammed in their faces.

"What are they doing?"

"Well!" Jenny whispered excitedly. "You saw them, didn't you, Nicky? You've seen them before. So have I. So has Tom. Those men aren't housebreakers. They're the two men who came into the Sale Room at Ludlow and tried to buy our sofa. What are they doing in that room?"

"I don't know what they're after," David replied. "But we don't want any more trouble—not for the moment—so I think we'd better go. Let's have our lunch in the grounds, and then Nicholas can show us round before we start back for Seven Gates."

They did as David suggested and went out into the sunshine again, where they sat under a tree out of sight of the house and talked excitedly about the two strange men as they ate their sandwiches.

"We need only have a quick look round now," David said at last, "because we hope we shall be coming back again in a day or so's time for the real search. We've got a long ride home."

They all agreed that this was sensible enough, and as soon as lunch was finished, Nicholas showed them round the neglected grounds.

They left Bringewood Manor at last and made their way back to their bicycles and the road.

For some time David had been silent. As they were cycling along the tree-lined road he spoke. "I think we should agree not to tell any of the grown-ups about those two men," he said. "We don't want to be stopped from taking part in this adventure, and that might happen if they got to know."

They did more than agree about this, for they took a Lone Pine oath to say nothing about it. As far as Nicholas was concerned, he

promised them faithfully that he would not breathe a word about the incident to his aunt, Miss Whiteflower.

The return journey to Barton was made in record time, in spite of their long day. Even the twins gave little or no trouble, but they were all glad to see the little village post office again.

"I do hope it won't be long before we can go back to Bringewood Manor," Jenny said as she stood at the door of her home and watched the others remount. "How long do you think it will be, David?"

"Miss Whiteflower said she would write to father about it," he replied. "You'll have to be patient for about two days, I should think."

David was right. It was just two days later that the Lone Piners and Nicholas were together again and on their way to camp at the gorge. Miss Whiteflower had written to Mr. and Mrs. Morton, who had come over in the car to see her. Mr. Ingles had agreed to give Tom a few days off, and Peter had had no difficulty with her father, who was always content for her to be with the Mortons.



They turned in astonishment to see so many children in the open doorway

Jenny, too, got the permission of her father to join the others.

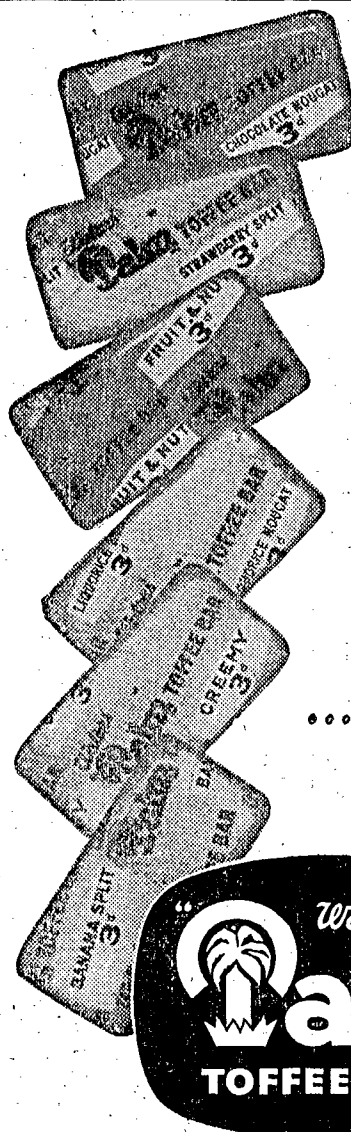
It was arranged that David, the twins, and Tom Ingles would be taken in Mr. Morton's car from Witchend, while Mr. Harman—who would not be denied a journey to see the gorge—would take Peter, Jenny, and Nicholas from Barton. They managed to get tents, sleeping bags, provisions, and even their bicycles into the two cars, and arranged to meet at the entrance to Ludlow Castle at eleven o'clock. Everything turned out exactly as they had planned.

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Stamp News

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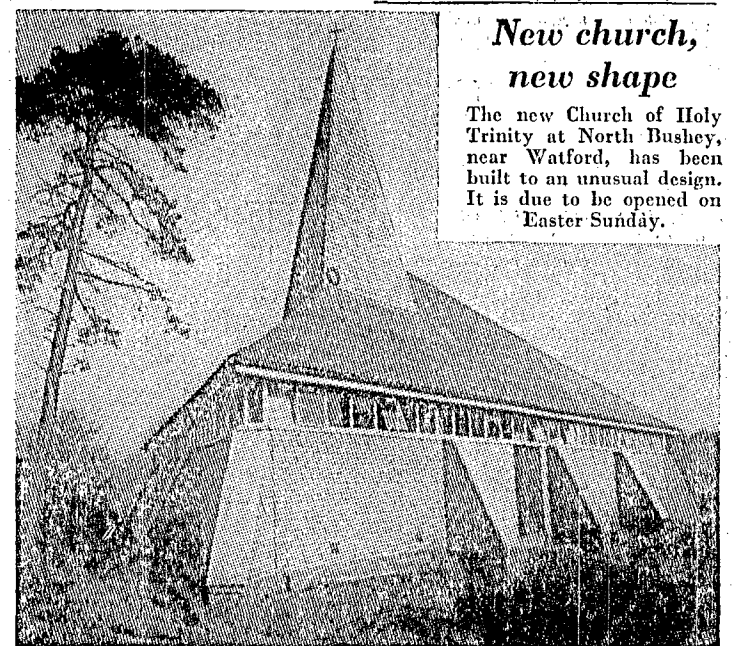
LONDON'S Central Hall, Westminster, where the Annual Stamp Shows are held, will be featured on two United Nations stamps to be issued on April 14. These are the first of a series which will depict the places where the U.N. General Assembly has been held. The date 1946 refers to the year of the first Assembly which was held in London.

IN the past Kuwait has always used the stamps of India or Britain overprinted with the name of Kuwait. Now she has taken charge of her own postal affairs and issued three stamps of her own design. These are for internal use only at the moment.

CHILE is planning to issue a 24-value set of stamps with an Antarctic theme. Some values will be for airmail postage.

HONG KONG is holding a competition for new designs. Entries are invited for her new range of definitives and a commemorative set for the centenary of her stamps in 1962.

A LITTLE book which has just been published, *Stories of Your Stamps*, by A. M. Granger (Nelson, 5s.), will prove of great interest to all collectors. Each chapter tells the story behind those people seen on stamps, among them St. Paul, Pasteur, and Livingstone. At the end of the book is a list of popular-stamp groups—animals, flowers, railways, and so on—together with countries which issue such groups.



New church, new shape

The new Church of Holy Trinity at North Bushey, near Watford, has been built to an unusual design. It is due to be opened on Easter Sunday.

SECRET OF THE GORGE

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Mr. Morton had tactfully suggested that Mr. Harman in the old car should lead the way, but had great difficulty in keeping behind him. Both cars were approaching the top of a wooded hill when a horse-drawn caravan came out of the shadows into the sunshine and stopped at the roadside for the horse to rest. It was Jenny who shouted: "Stop, Dad! Stop! Please stop! It's Reuben and Miranda."

Peter recognised their gipsy friends as soon as the two cars pulled up behind each other almost opposite the caravan. All the children, except Nicholas, ran across the road to greet the gipsies.

Miranda looked very handsome with a coloured scarf over her head and big, golden rings in her ears. Brown-faced Reuben swept off his hat when he recognised them. Fenella, who was only a few months older than the twins, had been leading the horse up the hill and now stood by its head

smiling shyly across at them all. "The children from Witchend," Reuben beamed. "Our friends Petronella, who we never forget, and the lad who farms at Ingles—"

Miranda laughed and took first Peter's hand and then Jenny's. "Well, my pretties! We're well met, for only this morning I looked in the teacup and said that we should meet old friends today."

Then the two men came over to speak to the gipsies, and it was Peter who remembered Nicholas still sitting in Mr. Harman's car and sent Mary to fetch him.

"This is Nicholas Whiteflower, a new friend of ours," Peter explained, and noticed a quick glance pass between the husband and wife. "The Manor, where Nicholas used to live, is being knocked down and we're to camp down there by the river for a few days."

Miranda's smile faded, and she took Peter's arm and led her aside.

"Listen, Petronella," she whispered. "I do not know how well you know that boy and why you are going to camp near the Manor. I would only say this to you all. We do not like the gorge and would never camp there nor near the river!"

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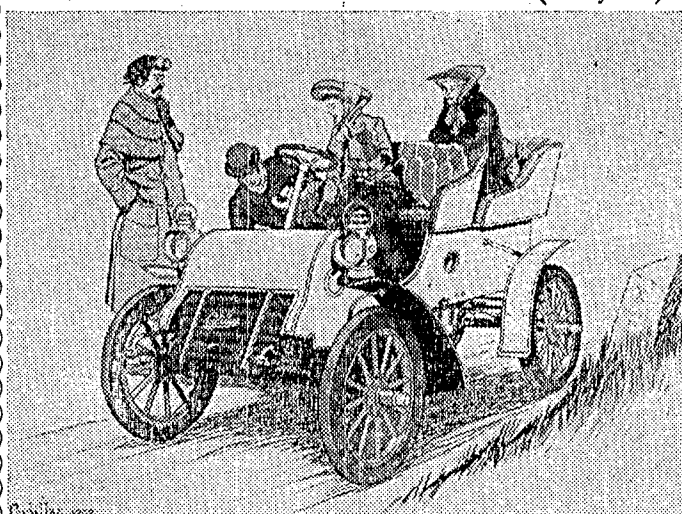
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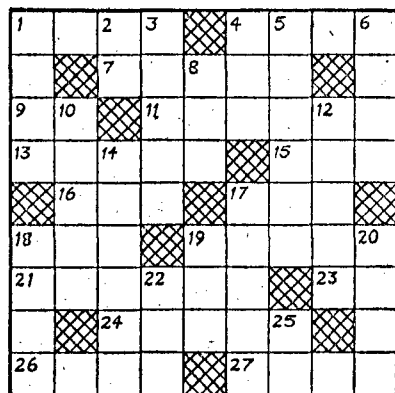
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Crossword puzzle

READING ACROSS. 1 Decoy. 4 Rotate. 7 To take pleasure in. 9 Because. 11 Eats a small portion. 13 Guide. 15 Blow. 16 Every row uses one. 17 —, pole, or perch. 18 Belonging to him. 19 Windows have them. 21 Players. 23 Royal Academy. 24 To run away. 26 Cross here! 27 Withered.

READING DOWN. 1 Meadows. 2 Royal Engineers. 3 Go in. 4 Emergency signal. 5 Snake. 6 Birds' home. 8 Might contain jam. 10 One who suffers without complaint. 12 Duck. 14 Religious festival. 17 Make harsh grating sounds. 18 Fifty per cent! 19 Professional. 20 Secure. 22 Aged. 25 Early English.



Answer next week

JUST A FEW WORDS

HERE is an entertaining way to increase your knowledge of words. Each numbered sentence below is followed by three answers or comments you might make; but, in each case, only one is correct and shows that you have understood the meaning of the word in *italics*. To answer five or six correctly is very good.

(Answers are given in column 3)

- He is a *dedicated* man.
A—Devoted to his work.
B—Broken down.
C—Doomed to die.
- Our affairs are in a state of *transition*.
A—Disgrace.
B—Security.
C—Change.
- I let him have a *remittance*.
A—A sum of money.
B—A telling-off.
C—A small portion.
- The director *initiated* improvements.
A—Distrusted them.
B—Welcomed them.
C—Started them.
- They took part in the *Marathon*.
A—Festive celebrations.
B—Long-distance race.
C—Guessing game.
- That dress is *detrimental* to her appearance.
A—Adds charm.
B—Makes no difference.
C—Spoils it.

MISSING VOWELS

Put vowels in the spaces to form the names of six musical instruments.

P - CC - L - , C - ST - N - T,
B - - , B - SS - - N,
G - - T - R, M - ND - L - N - .

HOW OLD IS SUE?

IN four years' time, small Sue will be
As old as Pat, it seems to me.
She'll be three times as old, I know,
As she was just four years ago.

JACKO FINDS AN OLD HOUSE—AND A NEST EGG



TITLES AND TOWNS

By linking a word in the first group with one from the second, you will be able to form the names of five British towns.

- King's; Queens; Princes; Bishop's; Abbots.
- Bromley; ferry; Lynn; Risborough; Stortford.

WHAT AM I?

My first is in peach, but not in cream;
My second's in bridge but not in stream.
My third is in cup but not in spoon;
My fourth is in sing and also in tune.
My fifth is in fire but not in flame;
My sixth in beach but not in game.
On sunny days each girl and boy
My whole will certainly enjoy.

THEY DID NOT BELIEVE HER

VICTORIA was a short-tailed vole who lived with her friends and relations in tunnels among the orchard grass. At night they went their ways hunting food in the garden beyond the orchard. But it was always Victoria who came home with stories of adventures.

The others used to listen enviously.

This early spring, for instance, she told them how she had stayed out till daylight eating yellow crocus corms, and the puppy had come out for his morning run.

"I only escaped being seen by keeping very, very still among the crocuses," she said rather proudly. It was now that one of the boy voles said jealously: "You don't have all those adventures, we know. You make them up!"

Victoria was very upset, and for a long time would not speak to them.

Then, one night, she did not return from the garden. "Why

worry? She'll soon be back with another made-up adventure to tell us," said the boy voles unkindly.

But the others were anxious, and not until it was night again did they hear Victoria coming back along her home tunnel.

"What happened?" they cried.

"I stayed too long chewing tulip bulbs, and the puppy came out and saw me this time. He chased me, but I managed to scramble under a door leading into a dark place full of black rocks," she said.

"I hid there and went to sleep. When I woke it was night again, and the puppy wasn't snuffling under the door any more. So back I scooted, home."

"I bet you made all that up!" cried the boy voles.

But when daylight came, they had to say they were sorry. For, in spite of washing, Victoria's coat was still thick with coal dust!

JANE THORNCROFT

LUCKY DIP

HOWLER

LONG words are sometimes joined by a syphon.

NOT MUCH HELP

TEACHER: "Do you help your Mother with the washing up, Joyce?"

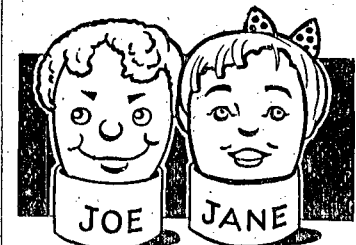
Joyce: "Yes, miss. I wipe them and Mother brushes them up."

TONGUE-TWISTER

SHE shovels soft snow slowly.

HOW TO MAKE YOUR OWN EASTER EGGS

HERE is a good way to make Easter Eggs which will certainly be gifts with a surprise. Ask Mother to save the shells of eggs which have been boiled. Clean each shell and paint in a bright colour. Make a wig of



wool and gum it to the unbroken end. The face and eyebrows may then be painted in. Through the broken end of the shell can be put sweets or some other gift, sealing the end with adhesive tape. Finally, make a small cardboard ring in which to stand each egg; paint it and then add the name of a relative or friend.

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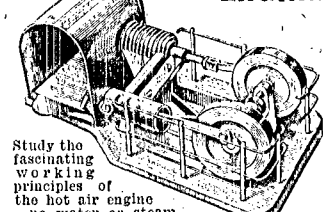
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- A Dedicated means devoted completely to some purpose. (From Latin *dedicare*—to declare holy).
- C In transition means going from one state (or place) to another. (From Latin *transitus*—a passing over.)
- A A remittance is a sum of money sent to a distance. (From Latin *remittere*—to send back.)
- C To initiate is to begin; to introduce. (From Latin *initium*, a beginning.)
- B A Marathon is a test of endurance, especially a long-distance race. (From the name of a battle between the Ancient Greeks and the Persians in 480 B.C. There is a tradition that a Greek ran with the news of victory from Marathon to Athens, a distance of about 22 miles.)
- C Detrimental means damaging; detracting from. (From Latin *detrimentum*—loss.)

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

Missing vowels. Piccolo; castanet; oboe; bassoon; guitar; mandoline. How old is Sue? Eight.

Titles and towns. King's Lynn; Queensferry; Princes Risborough; Bishop's Stortford; Abbots Bromley. What am I? Picnic.

JACKIE BRINGS HER GUITAR

THE English Open Table Tennis Championships are taking place this week, the preliminary rounds at the Manor Place Baths, Walworth, London; the finals, on Friday and Saturday, at Wembley. Four of the senior titles must go to new holders, for although Zoltan Berczik, the Hungarian holder of the men's singles, will be competing, the Japanese players who took the other four titles have not entered this year.

Zoltan Berczik, who is a 20-year-old railwayman, recently won the European men's championship, and must now be regarded as the finest player in the world. He will be using his favourite sponge bat in the English Championships, for although this is banned by the English T.T.A. for all other tournaments in this country, the ban does not apply to the English open events.



Jackie Lynn Koehnke

Incidentally, it is quite likely that the ban on sponge bats may soon spread to most other countries. Seventeen countries of the European T.T.A. met recently to discuss the use of the bat—and

16 voted against it. Later in the year a ruling is expected from the International Table Tennis Federation.

One of the favourites for the English Open Junior Championships, which are being run at the same time as the senior events, is 16-year-old Jackie Lynn Koehnke (pronounced conker). Jackie is a pupil at the Glenbard High School in Chicago, but she is also a popular star in American television as a singer and guitar player. Six years ago Jackie's sister Sharon reached the final.

The Hungarian team are in for a busy time during the next week or so, for they are also meeting England in a series of international contests. They follow this week's match at Birmingham, with matches at Leeds next Tuesday; at Leicester on Wednesday; and at Cheltenham on Thursday.

Young players in the football news

DAVID JOHNSTON was one of the youngest players ever to be chosen for the Reading Schools representative soccer team when, as a 13-year-old, he played inside-forward for the Town Boys last season. This year he is again a member of the team, and promises to become a very fine player. He certainly receives expert advice, for his father is Harry Johnston, manager of the Reading club, and former international captain of Blackpool. He led the Lancashire side which won the Cup in 1953.

The Reading club's head trainer, Jimmy Wallbanks, another great

half-back of a few years ago, also has a son who promises to emulate his father. Jimmy junior, aged 19, is making his mark as an inside-left in Reading's reserve team.

Another "youngest ever" is Barry Millbanks, who recently turned out for Romford at the age of 15—the youngest player to appear in an Isthmian League match. Barry is still at Latymer Grammar School, Edmonton. He also plays for Fulham's Colts, and on the day he set the new record he also turned out in the morning for Fulham.

A schoolboy in the rugby limelight is David Keith, 16-year-old pupil at the Bridgend Grammar School. Two years ago he was chosen to play for the Welsh Schoolboys XV; last year he received his first Welsh Secondary Schools "cap," against France; and this season he has again been chosen. David is over six feet and weighs 14 stone.

M.P. Referee



Mr. Denis Howell is M.P. for the All Saints division of Birmingham. But in his spare time he is a Football League referee.

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Who was the oldest player ever to take part in an F.A. Cup Tie?
2. Which athlete is nicknamed the Galloping Major?
3. Who said: "England is unrivalled for two things—sporting and politics"?
4. Which is the heavier, bantam-weight or feather-weight?
5. What is the size of a lawn tennis court?
6. Where were the last Empire Games held?

1. Manchester City's Billy Meredith in 1924. 2. Emil Zatopek, a major in the Czech army. 3. Benjamin Disraeli. 4. Featherweight (up to nine stone). 5. For singles: 78 feet by 27, for doubles: 78 feet by 36. 6. Vancouver.



Footballer, cricketer, and coach

Ron Tindall, the Chelsea footballer and Surrey cricketer, is also a coach at the Sunningdale Cricket School. Here he is seen passing hints to a young batsman.

He has not missed a Running runs in the game in six years

RON POWELL, Chesterfield F.C. goalkeeper, recently set up a fine record, that of appearing in 250 consecutive Football League matches for his club. He had not missed a single game since gaining a regular place in Chesterfield's team in 1952.

The previous record of 247 consecutive games was shared by Ted Ditchburn (Tottenham Hotspur) and Eric Gill (Brighton and Hove). Eric might have been first to the new record, but on the day he was to play in his 248th match without a break, he had flu.

TWENTY-ONE-YEAR-OLD Roma Ashby of Coventry, who recently won the English women's cross-country championship, comes from a very well-known Coventry athletics family. James Ashby was chairman of the Godiva club for 50 years; his brother Arthur, as a junior, finished fourth in the 1907 international cross-country championship; and their nephew, Stanley (Roma's father), represented Britain in the 1500 metres event at the 1928 Olympic Games.

Roma is a medical student at London University.

Weight on their shoulders

As stated in CN recently, Essex cricketers have been taking to weight-lifting as part of their training. We see three of them during a training session at the Gants Hill Cricket School in Ilford.



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